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BUSINESS FAILURES CONTINUE UPWARD TREND IN AUGUST

NEW YORK, Dec. 20--Business failures in August 1985 increased 20.6 percent to 5,468 from 4,533 in August 1984, according to The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation.

Liabilities for August totaled $3.2 billion, 60.6 percent more than the year-ago figure of $2.0 billion.

Failures increased in eight of the major industry sectors. The largest increases in business failures were registered for services, up 46.7 percent to 1,703 from 1,161; and agriculture, forestry and fishing, up 30.7 percent to 200 from 153.

Seven of the country's nine geographic regions registered increases in business failures in August. The largest increases were reported in the West North Central states, up 72.0 percent; the West South Central area, up 70.5 percent; and the New England region, up 48.2 percent. Failures in the Middle Atlantic region decreased 18.9 percent to 377 from 465; and in the East South Central area, failures were down 3.9 percent to 299 from 311.

Dun & Bradstreet's business failure statistics include businesses that ceased operations following assignment or bankruptcy; ceased operations with losses to creditors after such actions as foreclosure or attachment; voluntarily withdrew leaving unpaid obligations; were involved in court actions such as receivership, reorganization or arrangement; or voluntarily compromised with creditors.

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(See Attached Tables for Additional Data)

NOTES PERTAINING TO ALL TABLES

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2. Dun & Bradstreet collects data as initial bankruptcy filings are made; additional details become available as court proceedings move forward. The database is updated for twelve months following initial filings at which time it is frozen for statistical purposes.

3. Prior year data represent official results; current year data are preliminary and may be revised in subsequent releases.

4. Monthly tabulations are calculated by including data for all weeks in which Friday falls within the particular month. This may result in a differing number of weeks for the same month from year to year.

5. Industry computations are made by using the SIC (Standard Industrial Classification) code assigned by the field data collection staff based on the type of business the company was engaged in. There are some companies for which no SIC code is appropriate. The SIC table as developed and maintained by the U.S. Government recognizes this and includes code 9999 for these establishments. The tabulation for this category appears in the industry tables under the heading of 'Nonclassifiable Establishments'.

6. There are some bankruptcy filings for which liability information is either unavailable or unobtainable. For statistical purposes these companies are counted as having zero liabilities and are included as such in appropriate tables.

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U.S. MONTHLY BUSINESS FAILURES

Failure Month	1984 Failures	1984 Liabilities	1985 Failures	1985 Liabilities
January	4,481	$1,783,290,970	3,675	$1,871,936,204
February	4,174	$1,713,061,667	4,226	$2,378,364,673
March	5,750	$3,479,740,479	5,768	$3,790,686,191
April	4,334	$2,429,443,761	4,586	$3,279,799,964
May	3,964	$3,074,257,880	5,914	$3,261,865,658
June	4,960	$3,427,409,046	4,388	$2,995,603,102
July	3,673	$2,783,671,193	4,185	$2,150,484,350
August	4,533	$1,968,742,832	5,468	$3,162,409,424
	35,869	$20,759,627,828	38,210	$22,891,199,566

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U.S. BUSINESS FAILURES BY INDUSTRY

	August 1984		August 1985	
	Number	Liabilities	Number	Liabilities
AGRICULTURE/FORESTRY/FISHING				
Agricultural Production-Crops....	67	$20,582,928	110	$35,329,293
Agricultural Production-Livestock	49	$24,447,098	52	$20,088,499
Agricultural Services.....	35	$7,288,861	34	$7,166,506
Forestry.....	0	$0	4	$313,926
Fishing, Hunting, Trapping.....	2	$28,279	0	$0
TOTAL AGRICULTURE/FORESTRY/FISHING.	153	$52,347,166	200	$62,900,224
MINING				
Metal Mining.....	3	$41,000	2	$2,103,055
Anthracite Mining.....	0	$0	2	$21,178,600
Bituminous Coal/Lignite Mining...	7	$1,518,923	16	$8,433,506
Oil & Gas Extraction.....	50	$124,340,728	50	$59,506,070
Nonmet. Mineral Mining Xcpt Fuel.	4	$2,227,733	2	$533,647
TOTAL MINING.....	64	$128,128,384	72	$91,754,878
CONSTRUCTION				
Gen. Contractors/Oper. Builders..	207	$33,620,235	273	$88,909,637
Construction Other Than Buildings	39	$19,076,533	39	$5,527,510
Special Trade Contractors.....	318	$44,349,706	388	$47,813,885
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION.....	564	$97,046,474	700	$142,251,032
MANUFACTURING				
Food & Kindred Products.....	29	$18,212,074	22	$3,718,251
Tobacco Manufacturers.....	0	$0	0	$0
Textile Mill Products.....	7	$22,522,064	6	$1,913,425
Apparel & Other Textile Products.	35	$7,807,848	26	$8,275,723
Lumber & Wood Products.....	39	$16,784,947	42	$15,675,392
Furniture & Fixtures.....	25	$21,778,098	20	$4,443,438
Paper & Allied Products.....	5	$3,725	7	$111,178
Printing & Publishing.....	48	$3,033,876	63	$24,922,701
Chemicals & Allied Products.....	14	$9,891,944	21	$214,824,565
Petroleum Refining.....	11	$464,054,880	1	$0
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products..	11	$33,669,312	12	$4,590,740
Leather & Leather Products.....	7	$806,925	7	$680,823
Stone/Clay/Glass Products.....	11	$997,425	15	$1,883,265
Primary Metal Industries.....	12	$6,356,628	11	$7,629,431
Fabricated Metal Products.....	42	$15,159,265	49	$47,304,760
Machinery Xcpt Electrical.....	66	$31,047,908	61	$35,034,602
Electrical/Electronic Equipment..	21	$20,263,483	31	$38,890,950
Transportation Equipment.....	26	$29,770,401	14	$2,732,166
Instruments & Related Products...	13	$2,073,796	8	$8,864,246
Misc. Manufacturing Industries...	20	$15,869,073	24	$2,318,682
TOTAL MANUFACTURING.....	442	$720,103,672	440	$423,834,348
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES				
Railroad Transportation.....	0	$0	0	$0
Local/Interurban Pass. Trans.....	17	$3,799,808	12	$803,852
Trucking & Warehousing.....	112	$116,216,995	160	$100,854,229
U.S. Postal Service.....	0	$0	0	$0
Water Transportation.....	21	$9,989,500	9	$613,804
Air Transportation.....	5	$289,287	16	$74,680,590
Pipelines Xcpt Natural Gas.....	0	$0	0	$0
Transportation Services.....	17	$5,348,599	29	$7,271,657
Communication.....	9	$13,310,660	10	$2,913,127
Electric/Gas/Sanitary Services...	5	$1,060,202	3	$3,843,104
TOTAL TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES....	186	$150,015,051	239	$190,980,363

U.S. BUSINESS FAILURES BY INDUSTRY

	August 1984		August 1985	
	Number	Liabilities	Number	Liabilities
WHOLESALE TRADE				
Durable Goods				
Motor Vehicles/Automotive Equip..	32	$3,687,960	30	$5,030,533
Furniture & Home Furnishings.....	12	$5,085,920	18	$5,878,563
Lumber & Construction Materials..	19	$17,994,419	24	$11,237,389
Sporting Goods/Toys/Hobby Goods..	11	$3,053,085	9	$324,378
Metals & Minerals Xcpt Petroleum.	9	$4,240,422	6	$1,612,415
Electrical Goods.....	25	$5,472,763	41	$28,401,137
Hardware/Plumbing/Heating Equip..	20	$6,044,033	14	$2,322,204
Machinery Equipment & Supplies...	124	$30,575,301	125	$52,535,660
Miscellaneous Durable Goods.....	35	$9,733,204	25	$3,070,222
Total Durable Goods.....	287	$85,887,107	292	$110,412,706
Non-Durable Goods				
Paper & Paper Products.....	10	$452,695	15	$25,366,777
Drugs, Proprietors & Sundries....	2	$141,503	3	$3,675,767
Apparel/Piece Goods/Notions.....	13	$902,186	13	$730,514
Groceries & Related Products.....	46	$21,284,492	41	$10,152,009
Farm Product Raw Materials.....	2	$33,244	9	$685,069
Chemicals & Allied Products.....	14	$6,624,761	6	$8,471,953
Petroleum & Petroleum Products...	10	$4,905,247	14	$147,816,701
Beer, Wine & Distilled Beverages.	4	$68,098	8	$776,139
Miscellaneous Non-Durable Goods..	40	$6,239,325	39	$6,366,161
Total Non-Durable Goods.....	141	$40,651,551	148	$209,041,090
TOTAL WHOLESALE TRADE.....	428	$126,538,658	440	$319,453,796
RETAIL TRADE				
Building Materials/Garden Supply.	63	$10,988,850	76	$17,231,364
General Merchandise Stores.....	21	$7,216,387	21	$66,522,691
Food Stores.....	92	$12,499,511	120	$21,267,539
Automotive Dlrs./Service Stations	122	$23,502,606	135	$18,694,919
Apparel & Accessory Stores.....	189	$17,000,925	167	$23,762,575
Furniture/Home Furnishing Stores.	130	$14,130,700	117	$9,995,636
Eating & Drinking Places.....	325	$44,220,690	325	$51,375,478
Miscellaneous Retail Trade				
Drug & Proprietary Stores.....	16	$1,146,760	16	$4,189,650
Liquor Stores.....	19	$2,135,961	17	$1,920,624
Used Merchandise Stores.....	12	$1,934,784	19	$1,360,036
Sporting Goods.....	41	$5,549,441	36	$3,861,570
Book Stores.....	8	$926,758	7	$357,165
Stationery Stores.....	2	$407,433	14	$605,194
Jewelry Stores.....	24	$3,258,376	17	$2,174,225
Hobby, Toy & Game Shops.....	10	$985,022	8	$3,206,727
Camera/Photographic Supply Stores	7	$3,073,699	8	$2,972,490
Gift, Novelty & Souvenir Shops...	27	$1,494,421	36	$1,639,547
Luggage & Leather Goods Stores...	2	$2,506	5	$403,600
Sewing/Needlework/Piece Goods....	10	$462,369	4	$132,134
Nonstore Retailers.....	17	$6,108,745	19	$1,318,012
Fuel & Ice Dealers.....	4	$288,916	4	$754,996
Other Retail Stores.....	87	$11,332,647	117	$22,307,276
Total Miscellaneous Retail Trade...	286	$39,107,838	327	$47,203,247
TOTAL RETAIL TRADE.....	1,228	$168,667,507	1,288	$256,103,499

U.S. BUSINESS FAILURES BY INDUSTRY

	August 1984		August 1985	
	Number	Liabilities	Number	Liabilities
FINANCE/INSURANCE/REAL ESTATE				
Banking	7	$86,600,000	11	$134,161,159
Credit Agencies Xcpt Banks	15	$105,898,926	14	$808,646,588
Security/Commodity Brokers & Svcs	10	$1,580,697	21	$2,246,683
Insurance Carriers	2	$500	2	$174,406,000
Insurance Agents/Brokers & Svcs	25	$13,594,497	28	$4,457,538
Real Estate	134	$75,445,641	163	$124,183,437
Comb. Real Estate, Insurance, Etc	0	$0	0	$0
Holding & Other Investment Off	13	$8,483,579	13	$15,013,095
TOTAL FINANCE/INSURANCE/REAL ESTATE	206	$291,603,840	252	$1,263,134,501
SERVICES				
Personal Services				
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21	$24,818,741	27	$28,566,492
Laundry/Cleaning/Garment Services	25	$2,398,567	29	$1,808,844
Photographic Portrait Studios	7	$217,219	6	$194,075
Beauty Shops	20	$836,918	30	$2,436,344
Barber Shops	5	$59,624	1	$16,348
Shoe Repair & Hat Cleaning Shops	3	$105,835	3	$755,155
Funeral Services & Crematories	4	$203,000	2	$26,995
Miscellaneous Personal Services	35	$2,268,972	26	$2,154,661
Total Personal Services	120	$30,908,876	124	$35,960,912
Business Services				
Advertising	26	$3,447,363	22	$13,366,350
Consumer Credit Rptg./Collection	5	$413,090	2	$0
Mail/Reproduction/Steno Services	22	$744,184	23	$2,494,893
Services To Buildings	24	$1,674,255	52	$2,648,664
News Syndicates	1	$50,000	0	$0
Personnel Supply Services	9	$1,632,317	13	$1,208,226
Computer/Data Processing Services	25	$4,553,730	33	$8,330,560
Miscellaneous Business Services	213	$31,093,675	643	$105,645,232
Total Business Services	325	$43,608,614	788	$133,693,930
Miscellaneous Services				
Automotive Repair/Service/Garages	107	$13,397,213	113	$12,087,087
Miscellaneous Repair Services	64	$4,206,835	59	$7,671,037
Motion Picture/Amuse./Recr. Svcs.	57	$8,482,397	80	$13,381,583
Health Services	52	$14,677,247	51	$13,390,520
Legal Services	15	$3,887,777	26	$8,674,691
Educational Services	5	$248,349	9	$16,614,154
Social Services	7	$432,387	24	$21,218,094
Museums, Botan./Zoologic Gardens	0	$0	0	$0
Membership Organizations	4	$222,317	13	$6,105,496
Private Households	2	$212,638	0	$0
Engineering & Architectural Svcs.	15	$48,009,824	60	$29,202,912
Non-Commercial Research Orgs	0	$0	0	$0
Acctg./Auditing/Bookkeeping Svcs.	15	$1,738,125	16	$1,595,593
Other Services	373	$50,146,402	340	$86,163,815
Total Miscellaneous Services	716	$145,661,511	791	$216,105,039
TOTAL SERVICES	1,161	$220,179,001	1,703	$385,759,881
TOTAL PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	0	$0	0	$0
NONCLASSIFIABLE ESTABLISHMENTS	101	$14,113,079	134	$26,236,902
TOTAL UNITED STATES	4,533	$1,968,742,832	5,468	$3,162,409,424

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U.S. BUSINESS FAILURES BY STATES AND REGIONS

	August 1984		August 1985	
	Number	Liabilities	Number	Liabilities
Maine	8	$277,236	3	$68,751
New Hampshire	8	$528,166	5	$190,650
Vermont	6	$2,082,207	3	$187,881
Massachusetts	41	$14,968,659	90	$40,703,221
Connecticut	18	$1,681,736	22	$1,737,195
Rhode Island	4	$10,000	3	$1,306
TOTAL NEW ENGLAND	85	$19,548,004	126	$42,689,010
New York	194	$124,096,403	144	$56,743,045
New Jersey	100	$22,481,563	79	$53,942,561
Pennsylvania	171	$58,023,829	154	$52,056,388
TOTAL MIDDLE ATLANTIC	465	$204,601,795	377	$162,743,994
Ohio	238	$42,463,347	232	$27,958,961
Indiana	79	$33,963,417	127	$51,275,383
Illinois	246	$508,189,349	317	$121,163,493
Michigan	173	$39,668,006	110	$36,528,166
Wisconsin	102	$115,997,788	148	$29,122,255
TOTAL EAST NORTH CENTRAL	838	$740,281,907	934	$266,048,263
Minnesota	32	$2,567,329	43	$29,782,154
Iowa	12	$20,244,036	60	$11,221,320
Missouri	112	$7,826,903	95	$18,939,662
North Dakota	6	$405,352	10	$612,319
South Dakota	7	$390,050	15	$924,919
Nebraska	14	$6,403,950	81	$27,616,483
Kansas	81	$31,085,887	150	$26,314,643
TOTAL WEST NORTH CENTRAL	264	$68,923,507	454	$115,911,513
Maryland	41	$5,431,853	28	$7,894,381
Delaware	8	$25,820,107	5	$1,300,706
District Of Columbia	5	$477,417	2	$729,375
Virginia	81	$9,780,806	87	$222,475,231
West Virginia	29	$5,581,188	20	$5,238,253
North Carolina	61	$11,136,123	46	$2,914,645
South Carolina	26	$25,452,844	19	$2,812,151
Georgia	81	$45,463,302	138	$19,179,874
Florida	214	$38,909,374	291	$56,399,983
TOTAL SOUTH ATLANTIC	546	$168,053,014	636	$318,944,604
Kentucky	80	$20,327,802	99	$20,611,029
Tennessee	124	$32,568,657	102	$28,358,422
Alabama	68	$11,105,255	67	$32,877,383
Mississippi	39	$8,205,501	31	$1,277,567
TOTAL EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	311	$72,207,215	299	$83,124,401
Arkansas	46	$21,548,562	72	$37,729,906
Oklahoma	59	$87,315,346	64	$52,168,963
Louisiana	85	$34,507,728	123	$146,137,412
Texas	230	$189,344,439	457	$632,735,212
TOTAL WEST SOUTH CENTRAL	420	$332,716,075	716	$868,771,493

U.S. BUSINESS FAILURES BY STATES AND REGIONS

	August 1984		August 1985	
	Number	Liabilities	Number	Liabilities
Montana	26	$4,061,684	11	$2,092,550
Idaho	15	$5,144,510	27	$7,742,61o
Wyoming	21	$4,037,553	26	$1,851,e52
Colorado	191	$40,766,140	261	$24o,o15,278
New Mexico	32	$8,963,008	40	$22,434,195
Arizona	53	$20,556,217	78	$24,301,79o
Utah	43	$11,324,889	68	$15,o93,Oo9
Nevada	31	$2,082,210	34	$3,756,553
TOTAL MOUNTAIN	412	$96,936,211	545	$325,892,914
Alaska	10	$1,686,235	16	$1,991,51O
Hawaii	16	$1,143,871	13	$8,146,345
Washington	121	$18,544,2o6	156	$45o,e98,113
Oregon	145	$38,734,843	204	$55,352,759
California	900	$205,365,949	990	$453,894,49,
TOTAL PACIFIC	1,192	$265,475,104	1,381	$978,o53,227
TOTAL REGIONS & STATES	4,533	$1,968,742,832	5,468	$3,162,409,42-

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U.S. BUSINESS FAILURES IN 25 LARGEST CITIES

	August 1984		August 1985	
	Number	Liabilities	Number	Liabilities
New York, NY	32	$101,821,881	44	$26,422,230
Chicago, IL	55	$14,405,896	72	$87,897,240
Los Angeles, CA	82	$12,208,075	72	$35,011,204
Philadelphia, PA	26	$31,149,787	8	$1,439,259
Detroit, MI	22	$7,164,797	9	$3,092,505
Houston, TX	63	$41,795,826	145	$132,428,740
Baltimore, MD	15	$1,453,016	11	$1,284,341
Dallas, TX	18	$3,283,401	31	$10,543,741
Washington, DC	5	$477,417	2	$729,375
Cleveland, OH	14	$136,934	26	$2,655,983
Indianapolis, IN	14	$2,078,670	10	$2,513,312
Milwaukee, WI	17	$636,511	30	$10,763,963
San Francisco, CA	14	$12,564,571	16	$1,338,765
San Diego, CA	40	$14,746,448	74	$6,466,644
San Antonio, TX	12	$2,295,362	15	$22,161,713
Boston, MA	4	$318,794	11	$2,010,773
Memphis, TN	13	$452,908	11	$8,624,024
St. Louis, MO	16	$352,389	7	$93,169
New Orleans, LA	4	$318,291	11	$3,624,319
Phoenix, AZ	18	$2,260,995	19	$5,674,309
Columbus, OH	25	$2,884,935	36	$4,468,745
Seattle, WA	17	$3,251,617	28	$403,463,263
Jacksonville, FL	16	$402,251	13	$576,520
Pittsburgh, PA	15	$2,912,530	10	$7,128,362
Denver, CO	47	$12,600,036	68	$39,331,575
TOTAL 25 CITIES	604	$271,973,338	791	$839,444,014
BALANCE OF COUNTRY	3,929	$1,696,769,494	4,677	$2,322,965,410
TOTAL UNITED STATES	4,533	$1,968,742,832	5,468	$3,162,409,424

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U.S. BUSINESS FAILURES BY SIZE OF LIABILITY

	August 1984 Number	Percent	Liabilities
Under $5,000	725	16.0%	$190,068
$5,000 To $25,000	258	5.7%	$3,227,988
$25,000 To $100,000	610	13.5%	$28,523,135
$100,000 To $1,000,000	1,691	37.3%	$282,881,198
$1,000,000 And Over	1,249	27.6%	$1,653,920,443
TOTAL UNITED STATES	4,533	100.0%	$1,968,742,832

	August 1985 Number	Percent	Liabilities
Under $5,000	955	17.5%	$261,103
$5,000 To $25,000	223	4.1%	$2,700,022
$25,000 To $100,000	601	11.0%	$26,294,732
$100,000 To $1,000,000	1,823	33.3%	$297,836,093
$1,000,000 And Over	1,866	34.1%	$2,835,317,424
TOTAL UNITED STATES	5,468	100.0%	$3,162,409,424

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U.S. BUSINESS FAILURES BY SIZE OF LIABILITY AND INDUSTRY

	August 1985 Number	Percent	Liabilities
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, & FISHING...	200	100.0%	$62,900,224
Under $5,000.....	29	14.5%	$0
$5,000 To $25,000.....	6	3.0%	$90,000
$25,000 To $100,000.....	10	5.0%	$414,903
$100,000 To $1,000,000.....	76	38.0%	$21,921,625
$1,000,000 And Over.....	79	39.5%	$40,473,696
MINING.....	72	100.0%	$91,754,878
Under $5,000.....	6	8.3%	$0
$5,000 To $25,000.....	0	0.0%	$0
$25,000 To $100,000.....	2	2.8%	$64,402
$100,000 To $1,000,000.....	24	33.3%	$4,382,303
$1,000,000 And Over.....	40	55.6%	$87,308,173
CONSTRUCTION.....	700	100.0%	$142,251,032
Under $5,000.....	94	13.4%	$17,851
$5,000 To $25,000.....	33	4.7%	$405,770
$25,000 To $100,000.....	103	14.7%	$3,893,449
$100,000 To $1,000,000.....	268	38.3%	$38,741,930
$1,000,000 And Over.....	202	28.9%	$99,192,032
MANUFACTURING.....	440	100.0%	$423,834,348
Under $5,000.....	168	38.2%	$35,632
$5,000 To $25,000.....	28	6.4%	$325,439
$25,000 To $100,000.....	61	13.9%	$3,305,768
$100,000 To $1,000,000.....	104	23.6%	$27,201,119
$1,000,000 And Over.....	79	18.0%	$392,966,390
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES..	239	100.0%	$190,980,363
Under $5,000.....	63	26.4%	$15,122
$5,000 To $25,000.....	4	1.7%	$55,746
$25,000 To $100,000.....	24	10.0%	$1,233,763
$100,000 To $1,000,000.....	101	42.3%	$12,473,459
$1,000,000 And Over.....	47	19.7%	$177,202,273
WHOLESALE TRADE.....	440	100.0%	$319,453,796
Under $5,000.....	159	36.1%	$43,027
$5,000 To $25,000.....	25	5.7%	$254,533
$25,000 To $100,000.....	52	11.8%	$2,906,302
$100,000 To $1,000,000.....	126	28.6%	$32,905,420
$1,000,000 And Over.....	78	17.7%	$283,344,514
RETAIL TRADE.....	1,288	100.0%	$256,103,499
Under $5,000.....	203	15.8%	$79,049
$5,000 To $25,000.....	71	5.5%	$781,812
$25,000 To $100,000.....	186	14.4%	$7,224,244
$100,000 To $1,000,000.....	561	43.6%	$71,700,561
$1,000,000 And Over.....	267	20.7%	$176,317,833

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	August 1985		
	Number	Percent	Liabilities
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE..	252	100.0%	$1,263,134,501
Under $5,000.....	49	19.4%	$19,984
$5,000 To $25,000.....	3	1.2%	$53,799
$25,000 To $100,000.....	18	7.1%	$793,675
$100,000 To $1,000,000.....	81	32.1%	$18,083,395
$1,000,000 And Over.....	101	40.1%	$1,244,183,648
SERVICES.....	1,703	100.0%	$385,759,881
Under $5,000.....	179	10.5%	$50,438
$5,000 To $25,000.....	53	3.1%	$732,923
$25,000 To $100,000.....	141	8.3%	$6,253,343
$100,000 To $1,000,000.....	481	28.2%	$69,774,513
$1,000,000 And Over.....	849	49.9%	$308,948,664
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.....	0	100.0%	$0
Under $5,000.....	0	N/A	$0
$5,000 To $25,000.....	0	N/A	$0
$25,000 To $100,000.....	0	N/A	$0
$100,000 To $1,000,000.....	0	N/A	$0
$1,000,000 And Over.....	0	N/A	$0
NONCLASSIFIABLE ESTABLISHMENTS.....	134	100.0%	$26,236,902
Under $5,000.....	5	3.7%	$0
$5,000 To $25,000.....	0	0.0%	$0
$25,000 To $100,000.....	4	3.0%	$204,933
$100,000 To $1,000,000.....	1	0.7%	$651,768
$1,000,000 And Over.....	124	92.5%	$25,380,201
TOTAL UNITED STATES.....	5,468	100.0%	$3,162,409,424
Under $5,000.....	955	17.5%	$261,103
$5,000 To $25,000.....	223	4.1%	$2,700,022
$25,000 To $100,000.....	601	11.0%	$26,294,782
$100,000 To $1,000,000.....	1,823	33.3%	$297,836,093
$1,000,000 And Over.....	1,866	34.1%	$2,835,317,424

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	August 1984 Number	Percent	Liabilities
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, & FISHING...	153	100.0%	$52,347,166
Under $5,000.....	18	11.8%	$9,011
$5,000 To $25,000.....	8	5.2%	$117,682
$25,000 To $100,000.....	19	12.4%	$945,334
$100,000 To $1,000,000.....	60	39.2%	$17,489,538
$1,000,000 And Over.....	48	31.4%	$33,785,601
MINING.....	64	100.0%	$128,128,384
Under $5,000.....	11	17.2%	$0
$5,000 To $25,000.....	1	1.6%	$10,000
$25,000 To $100,000.....	4	6.3%	$196,000
$100,000 To $1,000,000.....	16	25.0%	$3,480,136
$1,000,000 And Over.....	32	50.0%	$124,442,248
CONSTRUCTION.....	564	100.0%	$97,046,474
Under $5,000.....	75	13.3%	$3,855
$5,000 To $25,000.....	31	5.5%	$393,018
$25,000 To $100,000.....	94	16.7%	$3,798,096
$100,000 To $1,000,000.....	259	45.9%	$38,991,236
$1,000,000 And Over.....	105	18.6%	$53,860,269
MANUFACTURING.....	442	100.0%	$720,103,672
Under $5,000.....	133	30.1%	$34,727
$5,000 To $25,000.....	41	9.3%	$492,321
$25,000 To $100,000.....	62	14.0%	$3,621,433
$100,000 To $1,000,000.....	149	33.7%	$37,235,610
$1,000,000 And Over.....	57	12.9%	$678,719,581
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES..	186	100.0%	$150,015,051
Under $5,000.....	41	22.0%	$11,803
$5,000 To $25,000.....	6	3.2%	$75,522
$25,000 To $100,000.....	17	9.1%	$938,456
$100,000 To $1,000,000.....	92	49.5%	$14,613,669
$1,000,000 And Over.....	30	16.1%	$134,375,601
WHOLESALE TRADE.....	428	100.0%	$126,538,658
Under $5,000.....	121	28.3%	$29,061
$5,000 To $25,000.....	25	5.8%	$327,249
$25,000 To $100,000.....	54	12.6%	$2,697,534
$100,000 To $1,000,000.....	162	37.9%	$35,739,943
$1,000,000 And Over.....	66	15.4%	$87,744,821
RETAIL TRADE.....	1,228	100.0%	$168,667,507
Under $5,000.....	177	14.4%	$70,338
$5,000 To $25,000.....	75	6.1%	$881,328
$25,000 To $100,000.....	194	15.8%	$8,305,855
$100,000 To $1,000,000.....	530	43.2%	$70,685,205
$1,000,000 And Over.....	252	20.5%	$88,524,781

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	August 1984 Number	Percent	Liabilities
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE..	206	100.0%	$291,603,840
Under $5,000.....	24	11.7%	$3,239
$5,000 To $25,000.....	7	3.4%	$67,270
$25,000 To $100,000.....	13	6.3%	$961,800
$100,000 To $1,000,000.....	73	35.4%	$18,603,369
$1,000,000 And Over.....	89	43.2%	$271,968,162
SERVICES.....	1,161	100.0%	$220,179,001
Under $5,000.....	122	10.5%	$26,034
$5,000 To $25,000.....	64	5.5%	$863,598
$25,000 To $100,000.....	152	13.1%	$7,003,954
$100,000 To $1,000,000.....	343	29.5%	$45,366,917
$1,000,000 And Over.....	480	41.3%	$166,913,498
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.....	0	100.0%	$0
Under $5,000.....	0	N/A	$0
$5,000 To $25,000.....	0	N/A	$0
$25,000 To $100,000.....	0	N/A	$0
$100,000 To $1,000,000.....	0	N/A	$0
$1,000,000 And Over.....	0	N/A	$0
NONCLASSIFIABLE ESTABLISHMENTS.....	101	100.0%	$14,113,079
Under $5,000.....	3	3.0%	$2,000
$5,000 To $25,000.....	0	0.0%	$0
$25,000 To $100,000.....	1	1.0%	$49,623
$100,000 To $1,000,000.....	7	6.9%	$475,575
$1,000,000 And Over.....	90	89.1%	$13,585,881
TOTAL UNITED STATES.....	4,533	100.0%	$1,968,742,832
Under $5,000.....	725	16.0%	$190,068
$5,000 To $25,000.....	258	5.7%	$3,227,988
$25,000 To $100,000.....	610	13.5%	$26,523,135
$100,000 To $1,000,000.....	1,691	37.3%	$282,881,198
$1,000,000 And Over.....	1,249	27.6%	$1,653,920,443

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